

REMARKS

This is in response to the office action mailed March 10, 2004.

The Examiner indicated in the office action that claims 3, 5, 6-14, 18 and 20-22 would be allowed if written in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claims 2 and 3, and consequently, claim 1 is now allowable. Claim 4 was amended to make it dependent on claim 1. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

All the limitations of claim 5 have been included in claim 23, a newly added claim. Claim 6 has been amended to indicate that it is dependent on claim 23.

Claims 15-18 have been canceled.

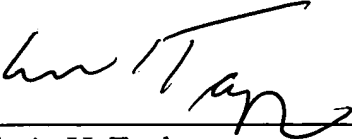
Claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20. Claim 20 has been canceled. Claim 21 has been amended to make it dependent on claim 19.

Thus, applicant submits all the claims as currently in the application are in condition for allowance, and an early allowance would be appreciated.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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